**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**A B S T R A C T**

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – V&E Cases–Failure to detect the manufacture of misbranded pesticides, being an Insecticide Inspector– Initiation of disciplinary action against Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA(R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Issuance of Articles of Charge – Orders - Issued.

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**AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.107** **Dated: 27/02/2025**

**Read the following:**

1. From the Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl.Secy. to Govt. (FAC), G.A. (V & E) Dept.,Alert Note No.14 (C.No.217/V&E/D1/2018), dt.07.02.2018
2. Govt.Memo.No.AGC01-94/2018, A&C(Agri.III) Dept., dt.18.04.2018.
3. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32027(33)/2/2018, dt.03.09.2024.

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**O R D E R:**

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA, (R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District, with regard to his failure to detect the manufacture of misbranded pesticides, being an insecticide inspectorin accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I), Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA (R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District, is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA, (R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA (R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District, is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

P.T.O.

6. Attention of Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA(R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District, is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**B. RAJSEKHAR**
**EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To:**
Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then Insecticide Inspector and ADA, Piduguralla and presently working as ADA(R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

**Copy to:**
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain his dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)
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**(Contd. Annexures...)**

**Annexure-I**

**Statement of Article of Charge framed against Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then ADA (R)Piduguralla, presently working as ADA(R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District.**

**Article of Charge:**

"That the said Sri B. Ravi Babu, while working as ADA(R)Piduguralla, Palnadu district has failed to detect the manufacture of misbranded pesticides. Thus, being an Insecticide Inspector, he has not implemented the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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**Annexure-II**

**Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the Article of Charge framed against Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then ADA® Piduguralla, presently working as ADA®, Vinukonda, Palnadu District**

**Basis of Charge:-**

On credible information regarding unauthorized manufacture of fake/duplicate pesticides at D.No.1-150, Cheruvukatta Bazar, Piduguralla, erstwhile Guntur district, the officials of Vigilance and Enforcement Department conducted inspection on 9.11.2017, at the time of inspection, Sri MarasuGovindaRajulu, S/o. Venkateswarlu, R/o. Piduguralla and Sri DasariMukunda Rao, S/o. Venkateswarlu, R/o. Narasaraopet are present. The premises is being operated by them by taking lease. On physical verification, the fake/duplicate pesticide stocks, empty pouches, bottles, stickers and other labels of pesticides are found in their possession.

Based on the findings of Vigilance & Enforcement:

1. The actual company price of Tracer 45 Sc 74ml pack is Rs.1440/-, NATIVO 250 grams pack is Rs.2025/- and SPINTOR 75ml pack is Rs.1440/-. The price is very attractive for the wrong doers and also very easy to prepare in the tiny packs. The said brands are quite popular for the effective control of pests. Therefore the above individuals have chosen the said brands for the duplication with mixture of some cheapest pesticides.
2. The duplicate product packings are identical to the original branded products. It would be difficult to notice it as fake and duplicate pesticides.
3. Sri MarasuGovindaRajulu, S/o. Venkateswarlu, R/o. Piduguralla and Sri DasariMukunda Rao, S/o. Venkateswarlu, R/o. Narasaraopet indulged in the illegal manufacturing, packing and sale of fake/duplicate branded pesticides for their dis-honest gains.
4. The Agriculture Department officials were unable to detect the manufacture of misbranded pesticides before V&E inspection. In this regard supervisory lapses of the Agriculture Department officials are seen.

Thus, Sri B. Ravi Babu, while working as ADA(R)Piduguralla, Palnadu district presently working as ADA Vinukonda, Palnadu district has failed to supervise the manufacture of misbranded pesticides and not implementing the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968 properly. Hence the charge.

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**ANNEXURE- III**

**List of documents by which Article of Charge framed against Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then ADA(R)Piduguralla, presently working as ADA(R), Vinukonda, Palnadu District are proposed to be sustained.**

1. Govt. Memo No.AGC01/94/2018, Dt. 18/4/2018 of Agril. & Co-op (Agri.III) Dept.
2. Alert Note No.14 (C.No.217/V&E/D1/2018) Dt.7/2/2018 of GAD (Vig. &Enf.) Dept.,
3. Rc.No.C2/408/2022, Dt.15/7/2022 of DAO, Guntur.

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**Annexure-IV:**

**List of Witnesses by whom the Article of charge framed against Sri B. Ravi Babu, the then ADA (R)Piduguralla, presently working as ADA, Vinukonda, Palnadu District are proposed to be sustained.**

-NIL -

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